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DEER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE MEAN GREEN CHRISTMAS STEALING MACHINE

The holiday season is finally here! Mr. Mean Green Christmas Stealing Machine is here to high-jack your holidays... with safety tips! All month long, he'll show you how to shop, cook and celebrate safely, in his own way.

Follow the City of Deer Park on social media for more information on how to stay safe during the holiday safety.



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NEWSLETTER

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Oh Snap! It's December!

PUBLIC WORKS

HOLIDAY TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE

This holiday season has an effect on daily curbside trash collection as well as the City Transfer Station.

Thursday, December 23: No curbside trash collection

Friday, December 24: No curbside trash collection

Saturday, December 25: City Transfer Station closed

Friday, December 31: No curbside trash collection

Saturday, January 1: City Transfer Station closed

Your trash will be picked up on your next, regularly scheduled collection day.



UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

DECEMBER 7

DECEMBER 21

UPCOMING CLOSURES

DECEMBER 23-24

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR OBSERVED

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2021 Christmas Safety Tips



Our Dark Do-gooder wants you to be aware of your surroundings while you're holiday shopping. Park in a well-lit area and stay vigilant when shopping alone or at night-time.

Be sure to keep your phone, keys and purse in eye-sight when shopping in stores. Don't fall victim to this sneaky scoundrel.

Stay clear of lewd lawbreakers. Only shop on secured name-brand sites that you recognize. Discount sites aren't always the most reliable.

This diabolical deviant is always looking to pounce, so don't make it easy for him. Consider shipping your packages to your office, or schedule them to be delivered when you are home.

Never leave an open flame near anything flammable. Even if your tree is fake, it is still highly flammable.

Don't get wrapped up in Holiday giveaways that require you to give out personal information. Identity theft is highest around the holiday season.

Our outrageous outcast reminds you never to share your holiday travel plans online. Here's an example of what NOT to do.

Fire isn't always delightful. When cooking around the holidays, never leave your cooking fire unattended, and create a three-foot barrier around your stove or oven.

This holiday season, secure your home for potential break-ins. Lock all doors, secure windows, and charge all security cameras.



Parks and Recreation

Deer Park Parks & Recreation



REINDEER *Park*

SNOW - S'MORES - FOOD
GAMES - ACTIVITIES - RIDES

Wristbands: \$10

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4**

4 - 8PM

**JIMMY BURKE CENTER
500 W. 13TH STREET**



THEATRE



MRS. KRINGLE'S CLAUS-ETTE

DECEMBER 3, 2021 | 10 AM - 4 PM
MUNICIPAL COURT/THEATER BUILDING 1302 CENTER STREET

KICK OFF YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT MRS. KRINGLE'S CLAUS-ETTE.

SHOP FROM OVER 50 VENDORS AT OUR ANNUAL ARTISAN FAIR.
SHOPS ARE LOCATED BOTH INDOORS AND OUTDOORS!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VENDOR? CONTACT SMELE@DEERPARKTX.ORG



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BIG CHANGES — AT THE — BAKERY

Frosting Dreams & All the Things bakery, located at **910 W. Pasadena Blvd.**, has recently expanded its space and menu, plus they have teamed up with Deer Park's Fair Dinkum Coffee Co. Owner Ashley Gil has expanded into the space next to her bakery, which was formerly leased by Deer Park Sign Shop. She now has more seating area where folks can bring in their laptop, enjoy a bakery item and sip some delicious fresh brewed coffee. She also plans to allow customers the opportunity to use the space for birthday parties and other events.

She now opens at **7:00 am** and her menu has expanded to include breakfast items such as bacon-jalapeño-cheddar biscuits, cinnamon rolls, keto rolls, danishes and breads.

Customers can, of course, still delight in her perfect cake balls, cookies, brownies and gluten-free, keto and vegan items. **Call Ashley today at 346-315-5620 or visit the bakery's Facebook page to see the menu.**



Library

Winter Take & Make Craft



Kits available beginning
Friday, Dec 3rd.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE
Tuesday, Dec 7th @ 3:30pm

December Storytimes

December 2nd--- 11:00 am

December 9th--- 11:00 am

December 16th---10:30 am

Special Holiday Storytime

All December Storytimes will
be held outdoors!

In case of bad weather, Storytime will instead
be broadcast Live on Facebook. Please stay in
touch on social media for the latest updates.

Our Special Storytime will be held in person regardless of weather

Holiday Storytime

Join us for our special
Winter Holiday Storytime! ❄️

❄️ All ages are invited.

DECEMBER 16TH

10:30 AM

❄️ Storytimes will resume
beginning January 6th. ❄️

DEER PARK
PUBLIC LIBRARY

NONFICTION BOOK DISCUSSION

Share a book you have read

Hear about books that
others have read recently

Check out our new books, or talk
about any book you've read lately!

Thursday, December 16

10:30 a.m. library meeting room

For more information, call 281-478-7208
or email library@deerparktx.org



Gift of Christmas

The holidays are quickly approaching, which means it's time to help the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department with their annual Gift of Christmas program! This program has been helping families in need during the holiday season since 1987. This year, Firefighter Jonathan Neal, his wife Tiffany Neal and their team are distributing over 160 barrels for citizens to donate toys and canned goods around the City.

"This tradition has been nothing short of heartwarming to see the smiles and feel the gratitude of the families in our community when we pass along the donations that our community has provided," Firefighter Neal said. According to Firefighter Neal, several organizations have requested barrels throughout the City. Barrels will be available at local businesses, schools and City facilities. In City Hall, a barrel will be placed in each lobby area.

Make sure you donate your toys and canned goods before December 13, as the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department will pick up the barrels December 13 through 17 so that they can sort and distribute the community's donations. According to Firefighter Neal, the Gift of Christmas program helped about 70+ families have a happier holiday last year.

"My wife and I, along with the entire Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department, are proud and honored to continue to make the holidays a special time for all," said Firefighter Neal. "Though many people and organizations make the Gift of Christmas program special in our community, I would like to extend a special thanks to our mentors John and Jeannie Green, the Deer Park ROTC students and leadership, Jennifer Griffin and Charlene Tighe with the City of Deer Park Office of Emergency Management, my fire department brothers and sisters, the City of Deer Park and its Council Members, Deer Park ISD Nurse Cheryl Westmoreland as well as the countless number of people that volunteered in the donating, sorting and delivering for these families."

The Gift of Christmas program started with late firefighter Al Workman and his wife Garlene. Workman had a vision to give out toys that had been dropped off at the fire station, specifically to families who were not able to provide their children with Christmas gifts. As the years passed, donations began growing and the Gift of Christmas program has evolved to its current state!

Learn more about the Gift of Christmas program by visiting www.deerparktx.gov/1632/Gift-of-Christmas, or contact the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department at 281-478-7283.



The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department (DPVFD) will continue its annual Christmas tradition – the Santa around Town tours – from December 8 - 10. On those nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and at the Request of Santa, DPVFD will visit Deer Park streets with their decorative high – water vehicles.

“After talking to Santa and confirming this year’s dates, he briefly spoke about how he loves this annual Tradition put on by our department. He loves the hospitality that our members provide during his visit and he especially loves the time he gets interacting with our wonderful citizens each night he is here.” said Justin Crow, Deputy Fire Chief of Station #2.

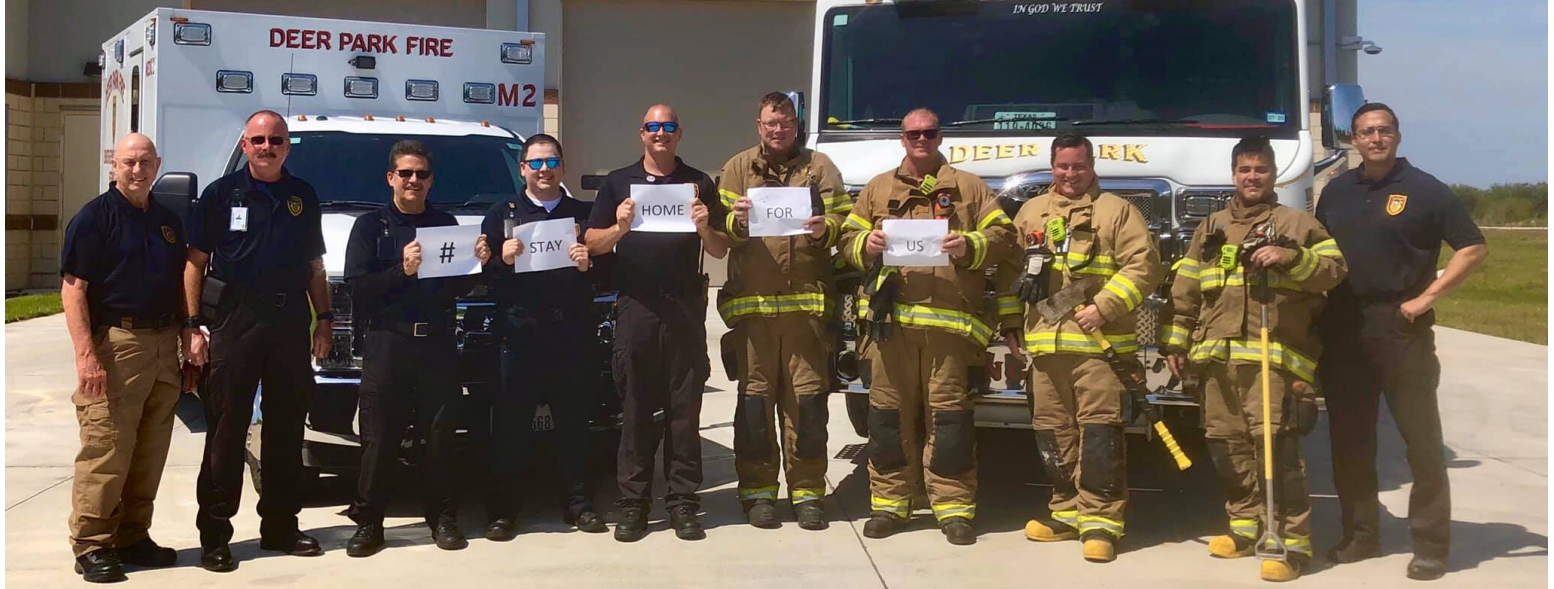
After hearing, what Santa had to say, Fire Chief Don Davis says, "Santa around Town is a very special tradition for our department, and we always look forward to this event as a chance to share the holiday spirit with our residents."

Santa around Town routes, as well as alphabetical lists of the streets will be available on the city's website, www.deerparktx.gov. As usual, Santa's helpers will be distributing candy along the route. The department asks that parents assist Santa with keeping small children safe as Santa passes by.

In the event of a cancellation due to inclement weather or an emergency in the city, the reschedule date will be Saturday, December 11th beginning at 6 p.m. Check the DPVFD Facebook page, "Deer Park Fire Department," as well as the City of Deer Park Facebook and the city's web site, **www.deerparktx.gov**

for more information. All residents are encouraged to like the "Deer Park Fire Department" Facebook page for year-round updates, event information, and more.





DPVFD Recruitment



The Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department is seeking volunteers who want to give back to their community, enjoy the camaraderie of a tight-knit group, and savor an adrenaline rush. "I would encourage anyone who has ever been interested in serving this community as a firefighter to apply for our March academy as soon as possible," Assistant Fire Chief Phillip Arroyo said. "Your time is a precious product and serving as part of the Deer Park Volunteer Fire Department is a great way to give back to your community as a volunteer, especially in these challenging and uncharted times."

To qualify for the fire academy, which consists of a 15-week academy that consists of Mondays, Wednesdays and the occasional Saturday, applicants must be between the ages of 21 and 55, pass a physical agility test and thorough criminal background check, and must live within the City of Deer Park. In assessing potential firefighting recruits, the department is seeking individuals who are motivated, energetic and have the time to commit to training and responding to calls, especially during the first year. Applications are now being accepted through our website at www.deerparktx.gov/1587/Join-Our-Team until December 21, 2021. A Fire Academy process overview meeting will be held on March 10, 2022 and the official Fire Academy start date will be March 21, 2022.

Call for more information: (281) 478-7281 or email 401@dpvfd.org



POLICE DEPARTMENT

**THE DEER PARK CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS**



DPPD HOLIDAY TAMALES FUNDRAISER



**SCAN TO
ORDER TAMALES/BACK THE BLUE**

Great for Christmas, New Year or Superbowl, Feb. 13th!

These delicious handmade tamales provided by "Ramirez Tamales" AKA - The Tamale Lady from Brazoria!

**Pick-Up Thursday, December 23rd, 9am. - 2pm.
- St. Hyacinth Church Parking Lot -**

- Ramirez Tamales are delivered fresh, hot and ready to eat, sealed in a zip-lock bag!
- * They can also be safely frozen for up to 6 months, allowed to thaw and reheated!

**RAMIREZ BEAN TAMALES - *REGULAR OR SPICY - \$10 PER/DOZ.
RAMIREZ PORK TAMALES - *REGULAR OR SPICY - \$10 PER/DOZ.
RAMIREZ CHICKEN TAMALES - *REG. OR SPICY - \$10 PER/DOZ.**

- ALSO AVAILABLE -

**RAMIREZ SALSA VERDE - *MILD, SPICY, HOT!!! - \$10 PER/QUART
RAMIREZ SALSA ROJA - *MILD, SPICY, HOT!!! - \$10 PER/QUART**

The Deer Park Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization! All proceeds from our Holiday Tamales sales are used to support the Deer Park Police Department and all our awesome officers!!!

DON'T LET

The Grinch logo in a stylized, blocky font with 'THE' in small letters above 'GRINCH'.

STEAL YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS



DON'T LET THE GRINCH OR ANYONE ELSE STEAL YOUR PACKAGES...

In an effort to curb holiday package theft, the Deer Park Police Department is offering residents the opportunity to have their packages delivered to the Deer Park Police Department.

**THIS PROGRAM IS FREE TO ALL DEER PARK RESIDENTS. PLEASE SEE
RESTRICTIONS BELOW:**

- The package should be addressed to you using our address listed below
- All packages must weigh less than 40 pounds
- Packages must be picked up within 3 days
- You must present your ID and it has to match the name on the package.
NO EXCEPTIONS!
- We are not responsible for any damages that may occur
- We are unable to carry packages to your car. Please have someone with you who can help you with this.

PACKAGE PICK UP WILL BE
MONDAY—FRIDAY
2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.
SATURDAYS
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

PROGRAM ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2021

Your Name Here
2911 Center Street
Deer Park, Texas 77536

For questions please contact
Sheila Plovanich at 281-930-2118 or
SPlovanich@deerparktx.org

Packages received after January 10, 2022 as well as packages not picked up by then will be returned to sender.



SUNDAY * 5 DECEMBER 2021 * SEATINGS 11AM & 1PM

BRUNCH WITH SANTA



THE BATTLEGROUND
GOLF COURSE
1600 GEORGIA AVE
DEER PARK TX 77536



LIMITED SPOTS:
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP DECEMBER 4, 2021

TICKETS AND INFO 281-478-4653
PURCHASE ONLINE BATTLEGROUNDGOLFCOURSE.COM

ADULTS: \$22.95
KIDS: \$14.99
4 AND UNDER FREE

BRUNCH BUFFET + HOT COCOA STATION
FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA
CRAFTS + MINI SNOWBALL THROW



HOLIDAYS AT THE BATTLEGROUND

ONLY A FEW DATES LEFT! CALL TODAY.



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@BGgolfcourse

WWW.BATTLEGROUNDGOLFCOURSE.COM

281-478-4653

1600 GEORGIA AVE | DEER PARK TX 77563



THE BATTLEGROUND
AT DEER PARK

SAN JACINTO MONUMENT EVENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS - DECEMBER 2021

- **December 4 - Bird Watching at the Battleground**
- **December 11 - Cycling Saturday**
- **December 11 - Battleground Bike Tours**
- **December 12 - Battleground Van Tours**
- **December 18 - Battleground Van Tours**

For more information and to register for these events, please visit the Texas Historical Commission's website at www.thc.texas.gov/historic-sites/events/9121.



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